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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research and Development

SUBJECT: High Altitude Photography for NASA

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REFERENCE: [ ]-6899-68 dated 12 August 1968

1. The reference is a memorandum reporting the discussion I had with Myron Kruger relative to NASA's desire for a cooperative program to obtain U2 photography utilizing our assets.

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2. Acting on your information that Mr. Duckett has no objection to our participation in obtaining the requested NASA photography providing that cover can be maintained, I met with [ ] and [ ] for confirmation of [ ] concurrence with the program. [ ] feels there will be no trouble with the cover, however he expressed concern that [ ] would have objections to OSA involvement for political reasons. However, if [ ] determines that we are the people to do this program, he felt that OSA can fulfill its part of the exercise.

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3. On Friday, 30 August, I met with [ ] and Myron Kruger and I learned that Myron and Gen. Smart, NASA, had visited and briefed Gen. Berg, Director of AF Space Systems, on the cooperative program. Gen. Berg had already determined that Dr. Flax approved the program, provided that [ ] is willing to participate." This information was set forth by Myron. Because tentative approvals had been obtained on the NRO side of the house, the discussion evolved around the details of the plan.

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4. During the discussion I asked [ ] who should fly the photography, CIA or the Air Force. He

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stated the CIA should for many reasons; my participation, administrative control, ☐

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5. The mode of operation utilizing ☐ assets is to be as follows:

a. NASA (Kruger) will obtain customer requirements.

b. These will be forwarded to Optics Division to devise the best combination of cameras to incorporate as many requirements as possible in a single mission.

c. Optics will confer and lay out with OSA the mission plans, flight lines, etc.

d. Optics will distribute copies of the photography to:

(1) NASA for its customers,

(2) NPIC for their use,

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(3) ☐ and maintain copies of areas pertinent to ☐.

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e. ☐ ☐ will be the contractor, as in

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6. I indicated that one other will have to be brought into the picture, and that person is ☐. This met with hearty agreement, and it was decided that a briefing will be given after the plans have been defined.

7. In summation, there is concurrence so far with the program and with CIA actively participating and to a large extent, directing the technical portions of the program.

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Chief, Optics  
Office of Research and Development

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